

NAPOLEON'S POLICE.

They Were Well Watched to Insure a Full Measure of Duty.

During the reign of Emperor Napoleon I. at a dinner in Paris the conversation turned upon the emperor and his government. One of the company remarked that he was a great man, but was too fond of war. When the party broke up, a gentleman who was present requested to speak in private to the person who had made that observation. "Sir," said he, "I am sorry for it, but I must request you to go with me to the police." "Why?" said the other in the greatest apparent alarm. "I have said nothing against the emperor but what every one must acknowledge, that he is too fond of war. There can be no harm in that." "With that I have nothing to do. You must go with me to the police." The other now began to show the strongest symptoms of fear. He entreated the police agent in the most pathetic language to have compassion on him. The other, however, stood unmoved by all his supplication, when suddenly the man rose from his knees and burst into a laugh, to the utter astonishment of the informer. "You think you have caught me," said he. "You are a spy of the police. So am I, and I was put over you to see whether you would do your duty."

THE COST OF A LEGACY.

Sometimes It Doesn't Pay to Inherit Money in Italy.

In Italy it appears to be a somewhat expensive affair to inherit money—that is, if it be a small sum. Not long ago a young man died in the little town of Romagna who left 1 lira 58 centesimi, or not quite 34 cents. This sum, which had been deposited in the postoffice savings bank, became the property of the young man's father. As the amount was so small, the father thought it unnecessary to make a declaration of the legacy as the law prescribes, especially as the stamped paper on which the declaration must be made would cost about 22 centesimi more than the money involved.

Three months afterward he received a demand from the local state treasury for the payment of 14 lire 48 centesimi nearly \$3. Thinking a mistake had been made, he took no notice of this demand, with the result that later an official called upon him and demanded the immediate payment of 18 lire (\$3.50). The father had not sufficient money in hand, so the official took possession of the man's furniture. The cost of this seizure brought the total sum to 30 lire, which the poor man had to pay that same evening to avoid the sale of his goods by auction.

AN EARLY AIRSHIP.

It Was Built in England in 1835, but Was a Failure.

We are told by Peter Farley, who wrote as an eyewitness, that in August, 1835, the Eagle was officially advertised to sail from London with government dispatches and passengers for Paris and to establish direct communication between the capitals of Europe. This early type of airship was 100 feet long, 50 feet high and 40 feet wide, and she lay in the dockyard of the Aeronautical society in Victoria road, near Kensington gardens, then quite a rural spot.

Built to hold an abundant supply of gas, she was covered with oiled lawn and carried a frame seventy-five feet long and seven feet high, with a cabin secured by ropes to the balloon. An immense rudder and wings or fins on each side for purposes of propulsion completed her fittings. The deck was guarded by netting.

After all this preparation and advertisement the Eagle never got beyond Victoria road, for Count Lennox and his assistants failed to provide the necessary motive power.

The Barber's Pole.

The origin of the barber's pole, itself almost now a thing of the past, originated in the days of barber surgeons, when bloodletting was considered a panacea for most of the ills that flesh is heir to. The pole was used for the patient to grasp during the operation, and a fillet or bandage for tying up the arm. When the pole was not in use, the tape was tied to it and twisted round it, and then it was hung up as a sign. At length, instead of hanging out the actual pole used in operations, painted one with stripes round it in imitation of the genuine article and its bandages was placed over the shop.

Ducks and Geese.

"Do geese quack?" "No," says the observant critic; "geese do not quack, but they squack." It is the ducks that quack, and the story of the geese going about from day to day with a "quack, quack, quack," is declared to be without good foundation. There is, indeed, quite a difference in the vocabulary of these feathered creatures, but it requires a sharp ear to discover the difference.

The Cost.

Laura—I don't know, George. It seems such a solemn thing to marry. Have you counted the cost? George—The cost, Laura? The cost? Bless me, I've got a clergyman cousin that'll marry us for nothing!

A Practical Counselor.

Cobwiger—What a beautiful collection of antiques you have, my dear Mrs. Parvenu—it should be. My husband knows all about such things and had them made to order.—Judge.

Harrowing Response. The Grammarian—it always makes me tired when I hear a man say "don't" when he should say "doesn't." The Other Party—Don't it, though?—Cleveland Times-Star.

Town Clerk's Notice
-OF-
Registry and Election.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election for Town Officers IN THE Town of Bloomfield WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, April 12, 1904.

The Boards of Registry and Election will meet in their respective Election Districts on TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1904, from 1 to 9 P. M., for the purpose of revising and correcting the Register of Voters. The said Boards will meet and the election be held at the following named places:

First Ward, First District—Schneider's Barber Shop, 31 Broad Street, First Ward, Second District—Store 149 Montgomery Avenue.

Second Ward, First District—Excelsior Hose House, 379 Broad Street.

Third Ward, First District—Dodd's Hall, 287 Glenwood Avenue, Third Ward, Second District—Active Hose House, 26 Willow Street.

The Polls will be Open on Election Day from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS ARE TO BE VOTED FOR:

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